(c) Kendriya Bhandar's outlet at Raisina Road already has six stationery counters and opening of an additional counter is not considered necessary.

Entry age for Government services

2692. DR. DASAR1NARAYANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to raise the. maximum age for entry into Government service to 35 years in view of less number of Government jobs and also to reduce the frustration of being overage amongst the unemployed youths; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) The maximum age-limit for entry into Government service varies from 25 years to 50 years and it depends on the nature of duty, educational qualification and experience requirements. Raising the upper age limit by itself will not increase the chances of employment to the unemployed youths as the age limit will not affect the vacancy position.

Policy for reservation to most backward classes

† 2693. PROF. M. M. AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any effective policy to provide benefit of reservation to extremely downtrodden and extremely backward classes;

(b) if so, thcdetails thereof;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) Reservation is provided to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and other Backward Classes in Services under the Central Government in case of direct recruitment. Reservation in promotion is also provided to the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes. Extremely downtrodden and extremely backward people from these categories are also eligible for the benefit of reservation.

† Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.